

HONORING MS. TRUDY KRAMER

**HON. TIMOTHY H. BISHOP**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2007*

Mr. BISHOP of New York. Madam Speaker, I am proud to rise on behalf of New York's first congressional district in order to recognize the extraordinary achievements of Ms. Trudy C. Kramer, who will retire at year's end after 26 years of service to the Art Museum Parrish in Southampton, Long Island.

For over a century, the Parrish Art Museum has been devoted to the collection and preservation of American art with particular focus on displaying art of the eastern end of Long Island. The museum is a landmark in my district, known for its commitment to bringing art and people together in its education and outreach programs. Trudy Kramer has been an integral part of that mission for almost three decades, serving as the museum's director.

Trudy is widely admired for her vision and foresight, which helped expand the museum's membership and prestige. During her tenure, the museum also built upon its impressive collection of new works by renowned artists. She directed the acquisition of the museum's neighboring library, now known as the Carroll Petrie Center for Education. And she has been instrumental in the museum's expansion, which includes a truly breathtaking new facility in Water Mill, Long Island.

Madam Speaker, on behalf of a proud community that has long admired the Parrish Art Museum's contributions to the artistic legacy of Long Island's east end, I am especially proud to recognize Trudy Kramer's role in the museum's success and congratulate her on her retirement.

TRIBUTE TO REV. DR. ROBERT E. LOWERY

**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2007*

Mr. VISCLOSKY. Madam Speaker, it is with great respect and deep sadness that I take this time to remember one of Northwest Indiana's most distinguished citizens, Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lowery, pastor of Saint Timothy Community Church in Gary, IN. On Tuesday, July 10, 2007, Reverend Lowery passed away at the University of Chicago Medical Center at the age of 82. A constant fixture in the community, Reverend Lowery understood how to communicate with all people. For this, Reverend Lowery appropriately earned the nickname, "Everyman's Preacher."

Robert E. Lowery was born on the west side of Chicago. An accomplished scholar, he obtained degrees in theology from the Chicago Theological Seminary, the Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, IL, and a Bachelor of Science degree from George Williams College in Chicago. Though Chicago was his home, he eventually relocated to Gary, Indiana and took over as pastor of Saint Timothy Community Church in 1957. For the past 50 years, Reverend Lowery has called Gary his home, and the impact he has had on his congregation and the entire community will forever be

remembered. Under his leadership, Saint Timothy has grown to become one of the city's largest congregations with over 1,600 members.

Reverend Lowery's lifetime of service to his community goes far beyond his pastoral duties. Knowing that preaching was only a small part of the impact he could have on people's lives, Reverend Lowery became actively involved in many local organizations. Realizing the need to reach people at an early age, he dedicated himself to programs aimed at improving the lives of the youth in the community and enhancing their opportunities to lead successful lives. Reverend Lowery felt a tremendous responsibility to reach out to the youth, and it was for this reason that he became active in the Boy Scouts of America. Fully dedicated to the mission of the Boy Scouts, Reverend Lowery served as Scoutmaster for Troop 53 at Saint Timothy, and he also served as an executive board member of the Calumet Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Reverend Lowery's generosity and commitment to the children of Northwest Indiana will forever be remembered by the children he mentored.

Recognized for his work in his community, Reverend Lowery was the recipient of many awards, both local and national. While it would be impossible to name them all, Reverend Lowery's efforts led to him being honored with the prestigious Drum Major Award, presented by the Gary Frontiers Service Club in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and his most worthy induction into Gary's Steel City Hall of Fame in 1990.

Reverend Lowery leaves to cherish his memory three daughters: Gay Marlene Lowery, Jan Avis Lowery, and Lynn Michele Lowery-Darby, as well as an entire community whose lives have been improved by such a caring and benevolent friend and mentor.

Madam Speaker, I respectfully ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues join me in honoring Reverend Dr. Robert E. Lowery for his outstanding devotion to his congregation and to all of Northwest Indiana. His unselfish and lifelong dedication to the people he served is worthy of the highest commendation. Reverend Lowery's selflessness was an inspiration to us all. While the entire community is saddened by his passing, his message will live on through the many lives he has touched.

RECOGNIZING THE HISPANIC ASSOCIATION OF COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES (HACU) NATIONAL INTERNSHIP PROGRAM'S 15TH ANNIVERSARY

**HON. JOE BACA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2007*

Mr. BACA. Madam Speaker, on behalf of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, HACU, National Internship Program in providing Hispanic students invaluable real world working experiences that have allowed these students to make more educated career choices.

Over the past 15 years, the HACU National Internship Program (HNIP) has offered more than 6,500 meaningful paid internships with

federal and corporate partners during spring, summer and fall sessions. HNIP has become the largest Hispanic college internship program in the United States.

On July 26, 2007, the HACU National Internship Program will celebrate its 15th Anniversary at a Gala in Washington, DC. This gala will showcase the achievements of former and current interns as part of a summer-long itinerary of special events marking this remarkable program's first 15 years.

We applaud HACU and the HACU National Internship Program for exposing these students to public- and private-sector career opportunities and specifically helping address the historic underrepresentation of Hispanics in the federal work force.

The HACU National Internship program began in 1992 with 24 interns. In 2006 alone, the program provided internships to 616 college students in 22 federal agencies and nine private corporations.

This competitive program selects top students from among HACU's 450 member and partner colleges and universities, which collectively serve more than two-thirds of all Hispanic higher education students. HNIP provides meaningful work experiences to these students by matching their skills and career goals with the objectives of federal and corporate partners, enabling these students to make more informed career choices.

The Office of Personnel Management, OPM, also recognizes the value of the HACU National Internship Program and has included it as a best practice in its fourth annual report on Hispanic Employment in the Federal Government.

As the youngest and now largest ethnic population, Hispanics already make up one of every three new workers in the overall workforce, and by 2050 are projected to make up one of every two new workers. Yet, it is well documented that Hispanics remain the only underrepresented ethnic group in the Federal Government. Today, Hispanics represent 7.5 percent of the Federal workforce—5.1 percent below the current civilian labor employment level. With the help of HNIP we are lowering this gap and creating a pipeline of qualified Hispanics in the Federal workforce.

We salute the HACU National Internship Program and applaud its success at opening the doors of opportunity for new generations of exceptional students while enhancing workforce diversity.

IN HONOR OF OFFICER DAYLE WESTON HARDY, PLANO'S POLICE OFFICER KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

**HON. SAM JOHNSON**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, July 12, 2007*

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Madam Speaker, many are grieving the death of Officer Dayle Weston Hardy. The 9-year veteran of the Plano Police Department leaves behind a wife and 3-year-old twin girls. He died in the line of duty shortly after he was hit by a car while in pursuit of a traffic violator.

His sudden and unfortunate death reminds us of the crucial role first responders play and the courage and selflessness they exhibit